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Examiner Philip H. Leung

In re Application of David Boyers
Case 042602C1
Serial no. 10/750,916
Filed 04/26/02
Subject A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING
A GAS-SOLVENT SOLUTION

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AMENDMENT/REPLY

In the Office Communication paper 51123 mailed November 28, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the reply filed by Applicant on 09/07/2005 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action of 03/07/2005, since there was no response or argument as to a double patenting rejection and on the basis that the art rejection of Iwasa had not been addressed. To correct these issues, Applicant responds as follows:

1. The Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer.
2. In the Office Action mailed 03/07/2005, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Iwasa reference.

In response, Applicant cancelled claim 1, and submitted new claims 2-37.

Claim 2 in particular incorporates the power density limitation of being greater than 20 w/cm³, as does new independent claim 20. Neither Iwasa nor any other reference cited by the Examiner shows or teaches even the need for such a high power density, let alone any way of achieving such a high power density. Hence, Applicant believes that the claims as amended are not anticipated by the cited references, nor can the cited references be combined in any way to render Applicant's invention obvious.

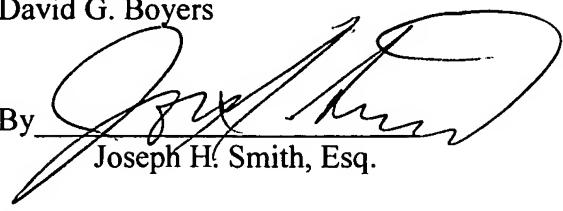
For all of the above-reasons, Applicant believes the claims as amended are patentable to Applicant and are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests this application be passed quickly to issue.

A separate authorization letter (Fee Transmittal Form) is being provided herewith for the terminal disclaimer fee.

If any time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested, and if any other fees are due, please take those fees from deposit account 10-1218.

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